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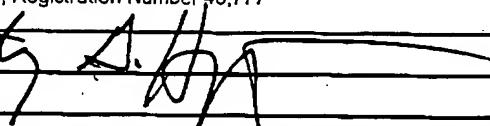
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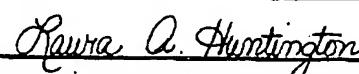
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In re Application of:	Group Art Unit: Unknown
Robert Ascenzi et al.	Examiner: Not Yet Assigned
Serial No. 10/717,844	Applicant Docket No. 2076US
For: Methods for the Identification of Inhibitors of 3-OXO-5-Alpha-Steroid 4-Dehydrogenase Expression or Activity In Plants	Filed: November 20, 2003

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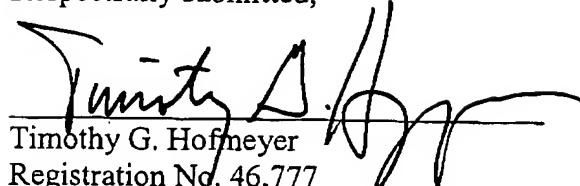
Dear Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application for United States Letters Patent, Applicants request an update as to the status of the application. Applicants filed the subject application by U.S. Express Mail on November 20, 2003, under Express Mail Label No. EU652135574US, and received confirmation of its receipt at the USPTO by way of return receipt postcard showing affixation of USPTO markings, including the above-referenced application serial number. Records accessible to the Applicant via USPTO Direct and PAIR revealed that neither the application serial number nor the Applicant docket number are "valid" or recognized by PAIR.

Applicants respectfully request a determination of the status of the instant patent application.

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Respectfully submitted,



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